



SCHOOL NEWS

ST NICHOLAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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CHRISTMAS EDITION

As we come to the end of our Advent Term, we have celebrated as a community with our Carol Concert, Advent Masses and first ever Parishioners Afternoon Tea. The Third Sunday of Advent brings us the joy of the promise of new life. We have also followed our commitment to our Gospel values by wearing Christmas Jumpers and collecting hampers of food, toiletries, baby-care items and even pet food, which has been shared throughout the parishes of our community. This is in addition to all the charity commitments we have made already this year. This 'take' on one of the favourite parts of scripture remind us to take time in the inevitable busy-ness to remember the message of Christmas.

I CORINTHIANS 13 CHRISTMAS STYLE - BY SHARON JAYNES

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another decorator.
 If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family – I'm just another cook.
 If I work at the soup kitchen, sing carols in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family – it profits me nothing.
 If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.
 Love stops the cooking to hug the child.
 Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.
 Love is kind, though harried and tired.
 Love doesn't envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.
 Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way.
 Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.
 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.
 Love never fails. Xbox's will break; jewellery will be lost; phones will fail to update. But the gift of love will always endure.

May we be blessed

*With the spirit of the season, which is peace,
 The gladness of the season, which is hope,
 And the heart of the season, which is love.*

Mairie Gelling,

School Chaplain

Christmas Mass Times Across The Parishes

St Vincent's: Knutsford	St Joseph's: Winsford	St John Vianney	St Mary's: Middlewich	St Luke's—Frodsham
Christmas Eve 9.00pm	Christmas Eve 5.00pm—Children's Mass	Christmas Eve 5.00pm St Wilfrid's	Christmas Eve 6.30pm	Christmas Eve— 6.pm & 8.00pm
Christmas Day 9.00am	Christmas Day 8.00pm	7.00pm St Bede's	Christmas Day 9.00am @ St Margaret's	Christmas Day— 10.00am
11.00am	Christmas Day 10.00am	11.30pm St Wilfrid's Christmas Day	10.30am	
		9.15am St Wilfrid's		
		11.15am St Bede's		



JAGUAR FACTORY VISIT

On Monday 3rd December, Year 11 and Year 13 Economists along with the Year 13 Business students visited the Jaguar factory in Castle Bromwich. Students experienced first-hand how a Jaguar car is made and witnessed the Japanese methods of Lean production in action, namely Kanban, JIT and Kaizen. Students were also able to understand the impact Brexit has had on the economy and the opportunities and threats that the car market faces. A workshop was also organised which saw them compete head to head to see who could produce items the most efficiently by working as a team. It was so heated that students were even running to hand in their finished goods to claim the top spot! As always, our students engaged brilliantly and were a credit to our school.



WE HAVE SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS!

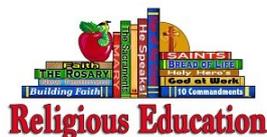
From Monday 7th until Friday 18th January 2019, St Nicholas RC High School will be welcoming the Anne Frank Trust into our school. The Trust was established in 1991 by friends and family of Otto Frank following his wish for an educational organisation to be set up in memory of his daughter Anne. The Trust uses Anne Frank's story, diary and inspirational message of social justice and equality for all and will work directly with the students in order to develop their understanding of prejudice, its roots and consequences through workshops, exhibitions and lessons.

In order to become a St Nicholas Anne Frank ambassador, Year 8 students were asked to apply, formally, for this role. There were many applicants and the decision was tough. However, fourteen Year 8 "In-house Ambassadors" were chosen. They will be working closely with the Trust and will learn, themselves, who Anne was and the legacy she left behind. After this, the students in turn will teach other students throughout the school about Anne's life and the lessons we can learn from this, even today. Governors and staff have also been invited to attend.

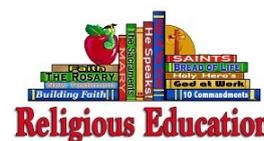
Being part of such a wonderful project, whether as an Ambassador or as a participant, is a real privilege and a once in a life time opportunity as students have a real chance to make a difference and pass on a message of hope and justice for future generations.

We are sure you will join us in wishing all involved every success in making this a worthwhile and rewarding experience. We can't wait!

The RE department would like to wish you and your families a very peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.



God bless,
The RE department



Period: 10.12.18 - 14.12.18

Weekly attendance update

%	Bernadette	Camera	John-Paul	Kolbe	Romero	Teresa	Vincent DePaul	Ward	Year Total
Year 7	99	98	97	100	98	100	98	100	99
Year 8	98	93	96	99	100	96	98		98
Year 9	96	95	96	99	91	98	99		96
Year 10	96	94	88	90	99	99	99	96	96
Year 11	94	96	99	97	98	99	95	95	95
Whole School	97	95	94	97	97	98	98	96	97

*Data includes 96% of students in each form.

"Everyone Matters, so Attendance Matters."

Music News

Congratulations to our Choir who performed exceptionally well with the Northern Chamber Orchestra at Tatton Park last Friday. It was a very well attended concert with over 400 in the audience. The whole evening was opened with Emma Robinson on stage, singing Once in Royal David's City unaccompanied! Amongst the pieces played by the orchestra, we were treated to an outstanding performance of the Adagio from Mozart's Violin Concerto No3. Our Choir performed six songs, five of which were accompanied by the orchestra and Ubi Caritas which they performed acapella. Our favourite, and from the audience reaction and rapturous applause, their favourite too, was O Holy Night. For the final orchestral piece, three of our Bass section were asked to join the orchestra as the percussion section for Leroy Anderson's famous Sleigh Ride. To get to the standard required to perform alongside a professional orchestra meant the choir had been working on repertoire and technique since June. The opportunity to perform at this standard and the audience's reaction to our performances throughout the evening made all the hard work worthwhile.

Rehearsals for the Music Festival (February 28th & March 1st)

All ensembles will resume rehearsals in the first week back after Christmas.

Year 10, 9 & 8 trampolinists who took part in a mini-competition at Leftwich on 13th December.



Year 10 girls achieved 1st & 2nd (Claire Hayes Johnson & Isobelle Holland). Year 9 again 1st & 2nd (Ellie Forbes & Ruby Tomlinson & Year 8 boys (Keaton Hayden 1st).



Instrumental Exam Results:

Congratulations to...

Cian Garrard—Grade 3 Piano with Merit.

Max Risley - Grade 3 Euphonium.

Sophie Bland—Grade 3 Piano.

James Melia—Grade 5 Theory with Merit.

A freezing cold night with horizontal rain at the Hartford 3G pitches. The St Nicholas U13 A and B teams played with enthusiasm and spirit. All games were really close. We played Hartford, Knutsford, Rudheath & the winners of the tournament were Weaverham by 1 goal.



Day	Date		Fixture/Practice	Venue	Start time	Pick up
Monday	7th Jan		Staff Meeting			
Tuesday	8th Jan	Girls	Rugby Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Wednesday	9th Jan	Girls	Netball Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Thursday	10th Jan	Girls	Indoor Cricket Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
Friday	11th Jan	All	Run Club	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm
		Girls	Football Practice	Home	3.15pm	4.15pm

Your PTFA would like to wish you a

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

Chair Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a new Chair **with effect from our AGM on 14th January 2019**. The Charity Trustees would be happy to meet informally, over coffee or a glass of wine, with anyone who has any questions about the role (full details on the PTFA section of the website). Please contact our current Chair, Kim Griffiths kim@copley.co.uk to arrange a no-obligation chat.

Grand Christmas Raffle

Thank you all for your support.

This year's raffle has raised over £1300 for school!

Prize Winners have been notified.

Matched Funding

Are there any more wonderfully generous parents out there who work for companies that offer a Matched Funding scheme? If so, we would **LOVE** to hear from you. Not only is it a great way to get involved with school/PTFA on your own terms but you will also be making an enormous difference to our fund-raising capabilities. Please contact kim@copley.co.uk if you can help.

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